



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AWARENESS MONTH

- WHEREAS: The State of Georgia is devoted to fostering the health and wellbeing of its citizens and engaging in a conscientious commitment to preventing the occurrence of medical malpractice; and
- WHEREAS: The widespread occurrence of medical malpractice necessitates an effort to increase communication, education, and action to prevent harm, injury or death to those receiving medical treatment; and
- WHEREAS: The Journal of Patient Safety estimates that between 210,000–440,000 Americans die due to medical error each year. Medical errors are the No. 3 cause of the death in the U.S.; and
- WHEREAS: Medical Malpractice Awareness Month provides an opportunity to focus on healing, to reach out to help permanent caretakers of those affected by medical error, and to speak on the accountability and oversight measures that ensure patient safety; and
- WHEREAS: Organizations like the National Medical Malpractice Advocacy Association are committed to standing for those unable to stand for themselves to encourage the spirit of intentional healing and providing support to those trying to regain footing after suffering from medical error; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 2016 as MEDICAL MALPRACTICE AWARENESS MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF